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INVENTOR(S) : Gregg A. Bonikowski, et al.

TITLE : THE USE OF JOB INTERRUPT
FUNCTIONALITY FOR THE
PRODUCTION OF INTERRUPTING
AND SAMPLE JOB OUTPUT IN
DIGITAL PRINTING SYSTEMS

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TELEPHONE INTERVIEW SUMMARY
AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

Dear Sir:

Responsive to the Advisory Action mailed September 13, 2005, regarding the above-referenced patent application, the Applicants respectfully request reexamination and reconsideration of the application.

As indicated in the Telephone Interview Summary presented beginning on page 5 of Applicants' Amendment D, which was mailed on August 10, 2005, the Examiner, Mr. Stephen M. Brinich, participated in a telephone interview with one of the representatives of the Applicants, Mr. Thomas Tillander, on or about August 8, 2005. During that interview, the Examiner requested clarifying amendments. Particular amendments were discussed and the Examiner agreed to enter an amendment including those clarifications. The claim amendments presented in the Applicants' Amendment D, which was mailed on August 10, 2005, reflect those agreements.

On August 12, 2005, the Examiner mailed an Interview Summary confirming that agreement was reached with respect to the claims.

However, on September 13, 2005, the Examiner mailed an Advisory Action refusing entry of the Applicants' Amendment D for not placing the application in better form for appeal. Additionally, the Advisory Action made reference to U.S. Patent No. 5,164,842 to Gauronski, et al ("Gauronski").

On or about September 26, 2005, Mr. Tillander called the Examiner to indicate a desire to discuss the Advisory Action. Additionally, portions of Gauronski, cited by the Advisory Action were briefly discussed.

On September 28, 2005, Mr. Tillander telephoned the Examiner to further discuss the Advisory Action. The Examiner asked Mr. Tillander to highlight differences between Gauronski and the subject matter of the present application. Paraphrasing, for example, the Abstract of Gauronski, Mr. Tillander pointed out that Gauronski was directed toward interrupting a first job (e.g., job A) in order to generate proofs for a second job (e.g., job B), while the present application is directed toward interrupting a main job in order to produce samples of particular portions of that main job. For example, producing samples of portions of the main job at regular sample intervals allows the quality of the on-going production of the main job to be monitored. In this regard, claim 1 was briefly discussed so that portions indicating that the samples were of portions of the main job could be highlighted.

The Examiner thanked Mr. Tillander for the clarifying remarks and indicated that a formal request for reconsideration would be favorably received. Therefore, the Applicants are submitting this Telephone Interview and Request for Reconsideration. Entry of Applicants' Amendment D and an indication of the allowance of the present application are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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